

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the first full paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:**

A fourth aspect of the present invention is a developing device comprising: a developer bearing member for bearing ~~bearing~~ developer, the developer bearing member having a rotation shaft and being capable of rotating about the rotation shaft; a shaft bearing member for receiving the rotation shaft of the developer bearing member; and a thickness restricting unit having a thickness restricting member for restricting a thickness of a layer of the developer borne ~~here~~ by the developer bearing member, wherein the position of the thickness restricting unit is determined by the shaft bearing member.